

MINUTES
City of New Castle Tree Commission Meeting
June 3, 2013 -- 5:30 p.m.
City of New Castle Town Hall

Members Present: John Lloyd
Nancy Coning
Pam Patone
Erv Thatcher
Tom Truman

Also Present: Debbie Turner, Stenographer

Mr. Lloyd convened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum is present.

Minutes – **A motion was made and seconded to approve the 5/6/13 meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Locust tree between 26-28 The Strand – Rick Pennell, 28 The Strand, requested the removal of the locust tree in front of his residence. He would like another tree planted in its place, possibly a hornbeam. Branches at the top of the tree are not leafing out and there is more die back over the center. Mr. Pennell will absorb the expense of removal and purchase of a replacement tree.

Mr. Truman made a motion to remove the locust tree and plant another tree in its place. Ms. Coning seconded and the motion was approved.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Ms. Coning – The homeowner at 17 West 4th Street has inquired about the status of removing an ash tree that was discussed at a previous (6/2/08) Tree Commission meeting. Funding may have been the reason the tree was not removed.

Ms. Coning is requesting the removal of a plum tree at her residence, 54 E. 4th Street on the Harmony Street side. The tree is not healthy.

Mr. Lloyd made a motion to remove the plum tree at 54 E. 4th Street. Mr. Truman seconded and the motion was approved.

Mr. Lloyd presented a budget request of \$39,800 for FY2014 to the City Council.

A removal and pruning list dated 5/14/13 was distributed to commissioners. Items on the list have been discussed at previous meetings. Mr. Lloyd will be submitting a requisition to the City and hopes to have all matters on the list addressed by the end of June.

Russ Carlson looked at the elm tree at 119 Delaware Street and reports it is fairly healthy now but will decline. At the May meeting a motion was approved to remove this tree.

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Mr. Thatcher asked about two trees on Washington Street that DelDOT was to remove. Mr. Lloyd indicated there are three trees on Washington Street that should be removed. Two are on the removal list distributed tonight.

There is a Norway maple at the corner of 10th and Clayton Streets that a resident says is causing the curb to rise. The curb is situated a short distance from the subject tree. Mr. Lloyd does not believe the roots causing the curb/sidewalk issue are connected to the Norway maple. He will inform the resident who wants the tree removed. A sycamore tree was removed from this location a number of years ago.

Adjournment

There being no more business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.